

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
JULY 18, 1997

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, July 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., in Crown Room A of the Broadwater Beach Resort Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Billy Hewes, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, and George Walker.

Members absent: William Seal and Hazel Terry.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:05 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, seconded by Patricia Puckett, the Board approved the minutes of the June 25 and 26, 1997, meetings with one correction in the EdNet Report section. The change reflects that Statement of Economic Interest forms must be filed with the Ethics Commission and not the Secretary of State's office. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented by giving the Chairman the opportunity to choose items for presentation due to the inclement weather conditions.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Sandra Lucas, SBCJC Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to new members Sara Fox and Billy Hewes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray informed Board members of the advertisement of the Publications Media Specialist position vacancy created by the departure of Beth Canzoneri. Dr. Ray also announced that Derek Youngblood, SBCJC Accountant, would be leaving August 15, 1997. Mr. Youngblood has accepted a position at Jones County Junior College and that position vacancy will be advertised shortly.

Dr. Ray also stated that due to the inclement weather conditions, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees' meeting scheduled to begin later today, had been canceled.

Dr. Ray distributed an updated SBCJC organizational chart and an article entitled "I got my degree through E-mail" for Board members information.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Barry Mellinger, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, spoke with Mr. Walker earlier and asked him to convey his apology for not being present due to the weather conditions. He also conveyed to Mr. Walker that the Association had not met since the last SBCJC meeting.

EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown distributed a copy of a memorandum prepared with the help of SBCJC staff, Dr. Evelyn Webb and Mr. Patrick McKinnis, to update Board members on EdNet activities (Exhibit A). After a discussion of the Board's concerns with regard to ETV's adding six new staff members to work with EdNet, Dr. Ray stated that he would voice the concerns in the form of a letter. Also included with the memorandum was a copy of the FY 1998 Budget Request for EdNet.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert presented items on the Finance Committee agenda for the Board's review and action.

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the General Fund Disbursements from Fund 2298 for August 1997, in the amount of \$6,755,000 (Exhibit B).

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for July 31, 1997, from funds 4080 and 4110, in the amount of \$1,415,393 (Exhibit C).

Mr. Gilbert also offered a report for the Board members' review recapping FY 1997 support expenditures for Board members' review (Exhibit D). No action was required.

Dr. David Cole, President of Itawamba Community College joined the meeting. Dr. Cole on behalf of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Presidents, welcomed new Board members Sara Fox and Billy Hewes into the community college family.

Program Committee

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher presented a request from the University of Mississippi to offer a lower division class, MAT 269 - Elementary Mathematical Analysis III, at their DeSoto Center during the fall semester.

Dr. Stonecypher also presented a application for a Pharmaceutical Technology Program for Jones County Junior College.

Based upon staff recommendations, a motion by Billy Hewes, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the University of Mississippi's request to offer MAT 269, and to approve the application from Jones County Junior College for a Pharmaceutical Technology Program.

Amendment to Standards

Dr. Larry Day presented the amendments to the SBCJC Standards For Quality and Accountability originally submitted to the Board at the May meeting. In May the Board voted to begin the administrative procedures process, and during the interim period, SBCJC staff has received and reviewed comments in regard to the standards. On a motion by Patricia Puckett and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended SBCJC Standard for Quality and Accountability (Exhibit E).

Workforce Education Report

Mr. Walker stated that the State Workforce Development Council is scheduled to go before the Legislative Budget Office on September 18, 1997, to make a presentation to request increases in workforce funding. He also updated Board members on the State Workforce Council activities.

Mr. Henry Hudspeth commended George Walker, Dr. Olon Ray, and Ed Schneider on the work on the State Workforce Development Council supported Workforce Summit held on July 17 and 18, immediately preceding the SBCJC meeting. He urged all SBCJC members to make plans to attend next year's summit.

GED Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher provided members with a list of Adult Education/GED Facts for the 1996 program year (Exhibit F). He also provided a copy of a news release from the American Council on Education that stated that Mississippi had led the nation with a 31% increase in the number of persons completing the GED battery for 1996 (Exhibit G).

LBO Meeting Plans

Dr. Ray informed Board members of the Legislative Budget Office hearing scheduled for September 18, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the SBCJC and the community and junior colleges' FY 1999 budget requests. The State Workforce Development Council's presentation will follow at 3:45 p.m. that same date. Board members are invited to attend.

Funding and Formula Committee Report

Mr. John Junkin reported on the Funding and Formula Study Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 17, 1997. The Committee reviewed information prepared by SBCJC staff in response to surveys and information requests distributed to community/junior colleges and other states. The Committee agreed to have a retreat to review accumulated information in depth, and authorized

SBCJC staff to plan and organize the retreat. Mr. Junkin stated that all interested parties would be invited to attend the retreat.

MS Post-Secondary Education Financial Assistance Board Appointment

Upon the recommendation of SBCJC Executive Director, Olon Ray, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Wert Hayes of Holmes Community College, to serve on the Mississippi Post-Secondary Education Financial Assistance Board.

September Board Meeting

Dr. Olon Ray recommended that the September SBCJC meeting be held in Jackson at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 1997, to coincide with the Legislative Budget Office hearing. The Board had previously accepted an invitation from Mississippi Delta Community College to hold the meeting there. On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to hold the September 18, 1997, meeting in Jackson at 9:00 a.m. The Board also asked Dr. Ray to work with Dr. Garvin to reschedule their visit to Mississippi Delta Community College.

SBCJC Flower & Gift Fund

Chairman Walker announced the assessment of \$25.00 per Board member to be deposited into the SBCJC Flower and Gift Fund. These funds will be utilized to send flowers in the case of a funeral or other specified occasion, as well as to cover the cost of gifts for retiring Board members.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses to the following:

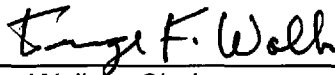
George Walker, Henry Hudspeth and Joanna Heidel for attending the Workforce Summit on July 17 and 18, 1997.

Dr. Olon Ray informed Board members of a media ceremony that will be held at Vicksburg High School, on August 15, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. announcing the resource sharing project known as MAGNOLIA. This will be an on-line common database and will be available to all of Mississippi's public, university, and community college libraries. SBCJC members will be receiving an invitation. Mr. John Junkin made a motion, seconded by Patricia Puckett, to approve reimbursement for travel expenses for any Board that attends the ceremony in Vicksburg. Motion passed unanimously.

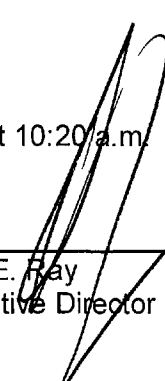
Billy Hewes asked SBCJC staff to research and present at the August Board meeting information related to the Association of Community College Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman



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Executive Director